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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S EVENING REPORT, JULY 16, 1973

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
PRESIDENT - EVENING REPORT:

1. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION - THE SENATE  
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE COMPLETED THE MARKUP OF ITS  
FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID BILL LAST SATURDAY, JULY 14. ASIDE  
FROM THE CUTS IN LEVELS OF AUTHORIZATIONS, WHICH AVERAGE  
ABOUT 25 PER CENT BELOW THE FIGURES REQUESTED BY THE  
ADMINISTRATION, THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL ACTION TAKEN IN  
THE MARKUP WAS THE ADOPTION OF THE CASE PROVISION WHICH  
READS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 19: NO FUNDS AUTHORIZED OR APPROPRIATED  
UNDER ANY PROVISIONS OF LAW SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ANY  
MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS BY FOREIGN FORCES IN  
LAOS, CAMBODIA, NORTH VIETNAM, SOUTH VIETNAM, OR THAILAND,  
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UNLESS 1) SUCH OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE FORCES OF

THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVING SUCH FUNDS WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THAT COUNTRY, OR 2) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW ENACTED AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT.

THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL RESUME THE MARKUP OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT TOMORROW AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETE IT ON THE SAME DAY AND REPORT OUT A CLEAN BILL ON THURSDAY. THE STAFF IS HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL REQUEST AND OBTAIN A RULE NEXT TUESDAY, JULY 24, AND BRING THE BILL TO THE HOUSE FLOOR ON JULY 25.

2. WAR POWERS LEGISLATION - THE SENATE WILL BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THE WAR POWERS BILL, S. 440, ON TUESDAY. THE HOUSE WILL TAKE UP ITS BILL, H.J. RES. 542, ON WEDNESDAY.

3. DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS: US TROOP LEVELS - THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 A.M. TO VOTE, INTER ALIA, ON A TROOP LEVELS RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN DELLUMS. THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN U.S. TROOP LEVELS ABROAD, BUT DOES NOT SPECIFY THE AMOUNT, TIMING, OR LOCATION ON THE TROOP CUTS.

OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL PASS THE CAUCUS BY A SUBSTANTIAL MARGIN.

4. NOMINATIONS - THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IN OPEN SESSION, THIS MORNING HEARD THE FOLLOWING AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE: BREWSTER (ECUADOR); DALE (CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC); HURWITCH (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC); PEDERSEN (HUNGARY); SPIERS (COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS); STEDMAN (BOLIVIA); WHITEHOUSE (LAOS).

CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT, WITH SENATORS AIKEN AND PERCY PRESENT, DID MOST OF THE QUESTIONING. SENATOR CASE WAS PRESENT FOR MR. BREWSTER'S AND SENATOR PELL WAS PRESENT FOR MR. WHITEHOUSE'S APPEARANCE. ALL THE QUESTIONS WERE HANDLED WELL AND THE ENTIRE ATMOSPHERE WAS FRIENDLY.

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THE COMMITTEE IS HAVING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TOMORROW MORNING (JULY 17) TO CONSIDER THE ABOVE NOMINEES.

THE SENATE ON SATURDAY, JULY 14, CONFIRMED AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SIRACUSA (URUGUAY) AND BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MOVED FORWARD TO THE WHITE HOUSE NOT ONLY SIRACUSA'S NOMINATION BUT ALSO THOSE OF BREWER (SUDAN), CARGO (NEPAL), CROWE (DENMARK), AND SIX CAREER MINISTERS. SIGNED P. PETER

SARROS FOR KENNETH RUSH, ACTING SECRETARY. RUSH

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